



Whanau and Friends of Kingsford Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Croeso.

A big welcome back to all students returning to school after the Alert Level 4 and 3 lockdown.

A very special welcome to all our new students who have just started on their educational journey at Kingsford School. We wish you all the very best as you become part of the Kingsford whanau.

COVID 19 Update

The Ministry of Education have advised schools that it is now safe for all students to return to school.

There are three key messages that govern our safety practices at Alert Level 2:

- **reducing the risk** of someone getting infected in the first place
- ensuring we can **identify and contact** anyone who becomes infected
- understanding that Level 2 is **not business as usual**.

Returning to School

According to the Ministry of Education, [the vast majority of students should now be back at school](#). The exception is those students who are deemed vulnerable due to health conditions. This is our expectation too, and we look forward to having all our students back at school soon.

A number of families have expressed to me their concerns regarding sending their children back to school. We do understand these concerns, and will work with each whanau to transition their child back to school. Teachers have also had a number of

requests for additional learning packs to be sent home, however it is quite demanding for teachers to teach the students in their classrooms each day as well as support students to learn at home. The Ministry of Education are no longer providing learning packs for students who remain at home, however the Home Learning TV channel will continue to be available to support students who are yet to return to school. Our recommendation is that you utilise this resource to support your child's learning until they return to school.

Alert Level 2 – Safety Practices at School

Each school is required to have an Alert Level 2 Safety Plan. This plan contains all of the practices we have put in place to maintain a safe environment for our staff and students.

These new practices include:

- Regular hand washing and sanitising. Each classroom has a safety kit which includes soap and sanitiser
- Surfaces are regularly wiped down. Each class has both surface spray and antiseptic wipes to clean surfaces and shared equipment
- Physical distancing – this is a challenge, particularly for young children, however teachers have set their classrooms up to maximise the space between children. We have also put extra emphasis on hand washing/sanitising, and the cleaning of surfaces to try to mitigate the challenge around physical distancing

We have also temporarily suspended our school assemblies, and have closed off access to our drinking fountains. If possible, students will need to bring a named drink bottle to school. They will be able to refill their bottles in the classroom.

Teachers have been spending time teaching students how to wash their hands correctly,

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as well as blow their noses, and also to cough or sneeze into the crook of their arms. It would be great if you could reiterate these messages at home too. You may be aware that advice from the Ministry of Health asks everyone to wash their hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly. Singing Happy Birthday twice, slowly should take about 20 seconds.

We also ask that you keep your children at home if they have even the slightest flu-like symptoms, including:

- a cough
- a high temperature (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell

Any student or adult, including staff members displaying any of these symptoms will not be permitted onsite.

School Policies for Review

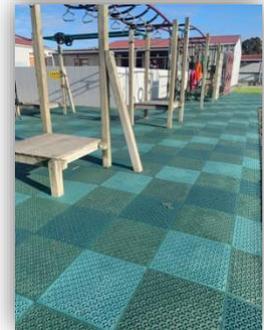
There are no policies up for review this term which require community input. If you would like to see the policies our school has in place please follow the link below to our school website, www.kingsford.school.nz where you can find instructions on how you can do this.

KidsCan Jackets, Shoes and Socks

With the colder months now approaching, it is timely to check in with whanau regarding the need for raincoats, shoes and socks for your children. These items are provided to students free of charge, thanks to the [KidsCan charity](#). If you would like to order a jacket and/or shoes for your child/children, please contact your child's teacher, or phone us at the office.

Senior Playground Matting

During the lockdown period the matting on the senior playground was replaced. Now our matting meets all safety requirements so that if students do happen to fall, their landing will be well cushioned. Check out the before and after shots below:



Student Absence

For all schools, attendance first and foremost is a safety issue, particularly if your child makes their way to school unaccompanied by an adult. Knowing our students have arrived safely at school is our top priority. Therefore if your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you complete the absence form on our school website, or leave a message for us on the school answer phone. This assures us your child is safe, and saves us bothering you with phone calls.

Upcoming dates

May 26 - BOT Meeting, 6pm

For more information, check out our school website www.kingsford.school.nz, or search for Kingsford Primary School on Facebook.

Nga mihi nui

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